

PLAN IMPLEMENTATION SUMMARY FOR FY96 AND WORK PLANNED FOR FY97

This section provides a general overview of the Klamath Falls Resource Area's natural resource management programs. Each program has a program description, a list of major accomplishments from FY96, and a list of work planned for FY97.

BOTANY

The intent of the botany program is to protect native plant habitats, including special plants, as the BLM implements its various multiple use programs. Plant surveys are conducted on public lands prior to project implementation to ensure that sensitive species are avoided; population trends are monitored; and conservation strategies are developed for sensitive species. For more information on the botany program, contact Lou Whiteaker at 541-885-4136.

FY96 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Administered contracts for systematic inventory of special status plants:
 - 7,160 acres (Topsy-Pokegama area)
 - 4,170 acres (near Gerber Reservoir)
- Conducted botanical clearance surveys:
 - 400 acres added to the proposed Grenada Timber Sale
 - 15 acres in response to various project proposals
- Initiated a Challenge Cost Share project to develop a Conservation Strategy and draft Conservation Agreement for red-root yampah (*Perideridia erythrorrhiza*), a Federal species of concern. Partners include three BLM Districts, one national forest, and the Oregon Department of Agriculture.
- Monitored known population of Howelli Columbia cress (*Rorippa columbiae*), another Federal species of concern in the resource area.
- Established and/or monitored 29 vegetation plots on the Wood River Wetland, calculating each plot coordinate using a GPS.
- Exhibited "Colors of the Klamath Basin" wildflower photo display in the resource area's office reception area from May to September.
- Assisted in organization of "Celebrating Wildflowers Photo Contest" with the Forest Service, National Park Service, and Fish and Wildlife Service; also circulated a photo display to participating agency offices.
- Collected, processed, identified, and added approximately 60 additional plant species to the resource area's herbarium, bringing its total to almost 800 species.